

## Message Text

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ACTION ARA-14

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P R 011630Z DEC 77  
FM AMEMBASSY PANAMA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4727  
INFO PANCANAL  
USCINCSO

UNCLAS PANAMA 8561

DEPT FOR ARA/PAF AND PAN

USCINCSO FOR J-2 AND PAO

PANCANAL FOR IO

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGGS: SOPN, PN  
SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTIONS

FOLLOWING FROM USIS/PANAMA P R 011627Z DEC 77 SENT ACTION  
USINFO WASHDC INFO SECSTATE WASHDC REPEATE FOR YOUR ACTION/INFO:

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MEDIA REACTION

E.O. 11652: N/A

1-PANAMA CITY.--SUGAR: PRO-GOP MATUTINO LEADS FRONT PAGE DEC. 1  
WITH ADOLF MERINO UPI WASHINGTON STORY, "NEW LATIN AMERICAN  
ATTACK ON US SUGAR POLICY." MATUTINO ALSO CARRIES FRONT PAGE  
SECOND SECTION TASS ITEM, SAN JOSE DATELINE, "LATIN AMERICAN  
PROTEST AGAINST SUGAR TARIFF IMPOSED BY US." NO EDITS OR  
COMMENTARIES.  
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2-HUMAN RIGHTS: MATUTINO AND PRO-GOP NOV. 29 AFTERNOONER LA  
REPUBLICA COMMENT EDITORIALY ON CURRENT VISIT TO PANAMA BY  
OAS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. LA REPUBLICA SAYS GROUP'S VISIT  
"WILL DEMONSTRATE THAT IN PANAMA HUMAN RIGHTS ARE DEFENDED WITH  
DEEDS, NOT WORDS." MATUTINO WELCOMES GROUP, AND POINTS OUT  
VISIT IS AT INVITATION OF GEN. TORRIJOS WHO HAS GIVEN GROUP

PERMISSION TO INVESTIGATE ANY ACTIVITY IT WISHES WHILE HERE.  
MATUTINO CONCLUDES, "FROM HERE THEY WILL TAKE AWAY FULL  
KNOWLEDGE THAT WE PANAMANIAN, EXERCISING OUR TRADITIONAL  
VOCATION OF RESPECT FOR THE INDIVIDUAL, HAVE NEVER MALIGNED...  
(HUMAN RIGHTS). AND IT IS BECAUSE WE ARE SO SURE OF THAT, THAT  
THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA HAS INVITED THEM ON THIS VISIT,  
HAVING FAITH IN THE WISE SAYING THAT 'WHO OWES NOTHING,  
FEARS NOTHING.'" ITEM UNQUOTE  
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